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TITLE: Maximizing PIR in Community Prevention Planning

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ISSUE: Parity, Inclusion and Representation are key components for the success of CPG when addressing community needs. Studies and documents from the USC Conference of Mayors (HIV Prevention Community Planning Profiles-1998), USMBHA (Taking a Closer Look: An Assessment of HIV Prevention Community Planning Groups-1997) and CDC (HIV Prevention community Planning: shared Decision Making in Action 1998) point out the importance of Parity, Inclusion and Representation in CPGs. Thus, this presentation would address the importance of diversity, PIR, and retention of CPG members.

SETTING/AUDIENCE: Mostly non-PWA in leadership of community planning groups nationwide, and people interested in the CPG process.

PROJECT: Workshop is designed to develop strategies to nurture and support parity, inclusion and representation in the CPG process, through presentations and exercises that focus on assisting planning groups in recognizing the importance of diversity and PIR to the process success. Attendees would be able to identify tools that can help them to work effectively the PIR component of CPGs. This presentation would provide solutions, methods, models, or examples through overheads and handouts.

RESULTS: At the end of this presentation, attendees would be able to: 1) develop strategies to overcome barriers to participation by community leaders in community planning, 2) assess how successful we have been at recruiting and retaining PWAs and other leaders into community planning, 3) develop strategies for empowering PWAs and other leaders to represent their community perspective on the CPG, and 4) establish a one-year work plan for their own CPG to increase PIR.

LESSONS LEARNED: A closer look at CPGs which have achieved PIR, diversity and retention shows that it is for the benefit and advantage of the Prevention Planning. Input from different community groups is essential if the CPG wants to be successful on their allocation of prevention funds.

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